

What Are The Differences? (Part 1)

"Understanding Roman Catholicism", Part 2 of 3
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A Comparison Of Where Roman Catholicism And The Bible Differ

1) Truth source: RC's BELIEVE IT'S THE BIBLE PLUS TRADITION.

"All men are like grass and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever." (1 Peter 1:24-25a, NIV)

"Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition." (Matthew 15:6b, NIV)

"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16, NASB)

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15, KJV)

"Your word is the truth. So let this truth make them completely yours." (John 17:17, CEV)

2) The Church: THE RC CHURCH IS THE ONLY TRUE CHURCH.

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12, NIV)

"There is one body and one Spirit... one Lord, one faith, one baptism..." (Ephesians 4:4-6, NIV)

3) Church leaders: POPE IS VICAR OF CHRIST, PRIESTS FORGIVE SIN.

"Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Christ, the son of the living God.' Jesus replied, '... you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church...' (Matthew 16:16&18, NIV)
(see also 1 Peter 2:6-8 where the Rock = Christ)

"I [Paul] had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the Gentiles, just as Peter had been to the Jews." (Galatians 2:7, NIV)

"When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong... he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when [certain men from James] arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy..." (Galatians 2:11-13a, NIV) (see also 2 Peter 3:16)

"It was he [Christ] who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." (Ephesians 4:11-12, NIV)

"And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father and he is in heaven." (Matthew 23:9, NIV)

"Who can forgive sins but God alone?" (Mark 2:7b, NIV)

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." (James 5:16, NIV)

"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood.. a people belonging to God..." (1 Peter 2:9a, NIV)

"Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever." (Hebrews 7:23-28, NIV)

"Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God...Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (Hebrews 4:14-16, NIV)